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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

We need to shepherd a competitive environment, and make sure a consumer has choice.

I live 5 miles from the center of silicon valley, and I struggle to get a cell signal and broadband internet. When I moved here in 2011, the only option I had was a dial-up internet connection - in 2011.

The large communication players (Comcast, At&t, Verizon etc) see it as too expensive to provide services - (I had a gouging quote from Comcast of \$30,000 to get a cable connection), and without niche market players, there is no opportunity for fellow residents to band together to find a solution.

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